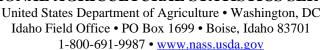


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## **Idaho Winter Wheat Seedings Down 3 Percent**

Idaho's winter wheat seedings for the 2006 crop are estimated at 750,000 acres, down 3 percent from the 770,000 acres seeded for the 2005 crop, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Nationally, winter wheat planted for harvest in 2006 is estimated at 41.4 million acres, up 2 percent from 2005. United States Hard Red Winter wheat seeded area is about 29.9 million acres, down 1 percent from 2005. Soft Red Winter wheat, at about 7.3 million acres, is up 19 percent from last year. White Winter wheat seeded totals nearly 4.2 million acres, down 1 percent from 2005.

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